

# HOWE'S POTATO \* MANUAL. 1892.



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A bushel of Rural New-Yorker No. 2 Potatoes consisting of just 48 tubers.

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# Howe's Potato Manual for 1892,

—BY—

G. D. HOWE,

North Hadley, Hampshire County, Mass.

**W**ITH each recurring issue of any publication that comes to us, we look for something new. Some new development in the line of our business, some new and better way of doing old and familiar tasks, some new receipt for making two dollars grow where only one grew before. An old saying is, "there is nothing new under the sun," and if it is true, it would be vain to attempt to present to my readers anything new this year. While there may be considerable truth in the old adage, yet for individuals there is something new to learn continually. In the matter of growing potatoes, I find that new experiences are constantly modifying my methods and views on the subject. Things that were thought to be settled become doubtful, theories come and go and the problem of successful potato growing seems to be as far from being confined to definite rules for procedure, which the novice can take up and follow with success, as it ever was. However, I will summarize some of the points on the subject that seem most pertinent to me, judging from my experience, study and observation. Potatoes seem to do best in warm loam, sandy or gravelly soil. The land should be thoroughly fitted to a good depth, though not deeper than the soil really is. If commercial fertilizer is used, as it should be in preference to yard manure, which can be better used on other crops, thoroughly mix it with soil or it will do little good and perhaps actual harm, because of its strength. If not using a planter, open furrows and sow fertilizer, then follow with cultivator closed up as narrow as possible, before dropping seed.

The time of planting seems to be of more importance than I formerly considered it. Plant as early as the season will permit, just as early as the soil gets dried off sufficiently to work well without packing. This time in my vicinity is the last week in April or first week of May. Don't make the mistake of getting the seed in too early, as it may be as disadvantageous as getting in too late. I use the Aspinwall Planter and wouldn't think of planting a field crop in any other way, now that I am familiar with its many advantages over hand work.

Before the plants get up and while they are fully a half inch from the surface, go over the field with a Breed's Weeder if you can possibly have one, and the best substitute if you cannot. Either a heavy bush or a very light smoothing harrow will do very well. Repeat the operation after plants are fully up, one to two inches high, and again once or twice as circumstances require, until plants are eight or ten inches tall. Cultivate them, throwing a little loose soil up around the plants with winged teeth then hand hoe only as necessary to keep down a few stray weeds that have escaped the previous processes. At all events, kill all weeds while they are very small and keep the piece clean till digging time, and that final work on the crop will be correspondingly easy.

The killing of beetles as quick as they make their appearance, is a very important matter, as they grow very rapidly and before you are aware of it your potato plants are divested of their leaves and dollars are taken right out of the crop in a day's time. I have found this one of the most perplexing problems in the culture of potatoes on a large scale, and have tried about all methods and machines until I think I have found a very satisfactory way. If applying Bordeaux mixture, put the poison (London Purple is preferred on account of its lightness), into that and prevent blight and kill beetles at the same time. If not using the Bordeaux mixture, make a common white wash and apply the poison in that, and you will be surprised to find how many hard showers it will require to wash it off. With my horse power machine, ten acres can be poisoned in a day.

With the crop grown, dig it as early as possible after the vines are fully dry, for the eating qualities of the tubers deteriorate seriously by remaining in the ground; though I am of the opinion that they improve for seed stock by remaining a longer time in the soil. Sell right from the lot if any fair price is offered. Observe the methods of your most successful neighbors, give the matter thought and you will be pretty sure to find the culture of potatoes increasingly interesting and profitable. Wishing you all success, and looking for communications from more than my usual number of patrons, I am faithfully yours,

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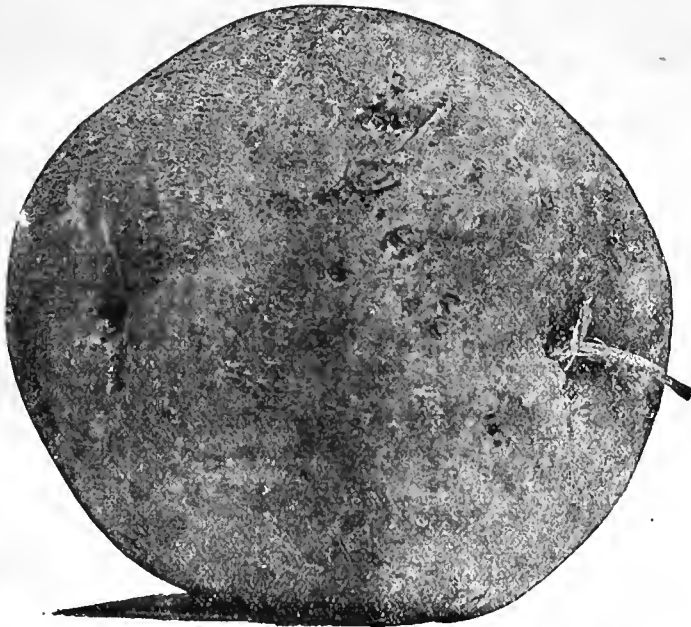
(Now in Press) by H. W. Collingwood, of the *Rural New-Yorker*, an account of visits to farms that are now producing double the crops of former years before the MAPES HIGH-GRADE MANURES were used. No live stock kept except horses, cows and pigs, for farm work and family use. All farm manure used on the corn crop. Farming made easier. Poor lands brought up to high fertility.

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HOWE'S PREMIUM.

Type of Potato No. 1.—For description and prices, see pages 9 and 11.

## INTERESTING CLIPPINGS.

Irish potatoes stored in cellars should be looked carefully after. There is more danger in their getting too warm than too cold. A temperature of 32° won't hurt them if in total darkness, as they should be, and probably the best temperature while not so low as 32° is not over 35° to 40°. An occasional overhauling and picking out of any decayed potatoes is necessary and plaster or air-slaked lime sprinkled through them is a good preventive of rot.

*From Orchard and Garden, Nov. '91.*

## Don't Feed Rotten Potatoes.

S. H. KELLOGG, CLAREMONT, CAL.

I do not feel quite satisfied with the editor's position, in one of the late numbers, on the use of rotten potatoes. Encouraged by this and the statement of a correspondent in the same number, I fed to my hens sound and unsound potatoes, and, within about ten days twenty-five of my best laying hens had died, evidently poisoned by these potatoes. At once I turned to the article on potatoes, in Appleton's Cyclopaedia, and found the whole thing explained. "The potato is sometimes liable to the presence of an excess of a poisonous principle known as solanum, but particularly is *sprouted potatoes*. A very small quantity of this principle will produce symptoms of poisoning, has been proved by actual experiment. Sprouted potatoes, when about to be used as food are better if pared and soaked some hours in cold water; and such a precaution may preclude the possibility of any poisonous result from their use." In California we can raise two crops of potatoes in the year. The second crop is planted in August, from the seed previously grown. At this season there is a scarcity of vegetables and sprouted potatoes being thrown away, mingled with rotten ones, are eagerly gobbled up by the hens. The poisoned bird sits on the ground, with its beak resting upon the ground and remains in that position until it dies. Since my loss I have learned of two or three other neighbors whose fowls suffered in the same way from rotten and sprouting potatoes. [We extend thanks to our correspondent for his kindness in throwing so much light on the subject.—ED.]—*From the Poultry Keeper, Dec. '91.*

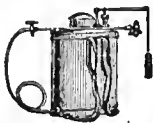
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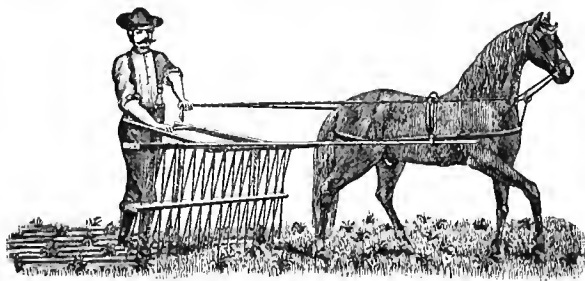
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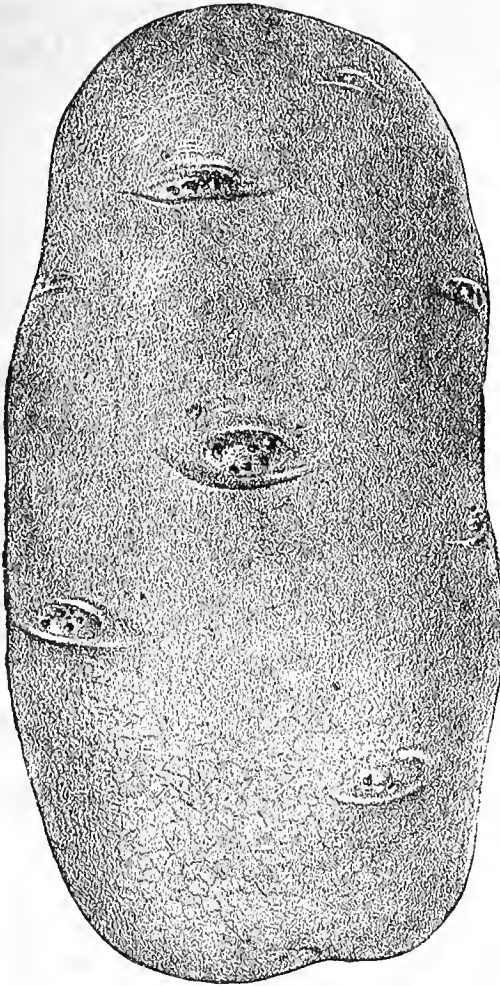
### Potatoes for Pigs.

The Wisconsin experiment station ascertains that in fattening hogs 789 pounds of potatoes took the place of 178 pounds of corn meal, or in other words, 443 pounds of potatoes were required to take the place of 100 pounds of corn meal. This makes one pound corn meal worth nearly four and one-half pounds of potatoes. As several lots of animals were experimented on it is hardly possible that the results are very far from the average.

*From the Farmers' Voice, Nov. '91.*

### Potato Parasites.

A. G. Miller of the Lowville (New York) Farmers' Institute, is reported in a contemporary to have spoken in substance as follows concerning enemies of the potato: "We must exterminate all these pests, and the farmers must wake up to this fact, and find out as much about them as possible. The worst enemy is one so minute that it cannot be seen, so silent that it cannot be heard, parasites of the fungus family—the potato rot. For fifty years this enemy has had a foothold on this crop, and has caused more loss than all others combined. The growth of this parasite is favored by certain climatic conditions, and is most active in heavy soils, where the moisture is greatest. This moisture favors the development of the fungus. The parasite is generated in the leaves, the stems and in the tubers. Fungi are plants living and feeding upon other plants. They cannot live in or upon inorganic matter like the soil. They have no seeds or flowers, but have the power of reproduction through spores, which



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Type of Potato No. 2.

have thread-like roots, enabling this parasite to fasten itself upon other plants and to grow there. These roots find their way into the structure of the plant and cause its decay. The temperature which is the most favorable for the development of these spores is between sixty degrees and seventy degrees. At eighty degrees and upwards the vitality of the spores is destroyed. We call the result of this sporadic work, rust. These spores fall upon the ground, and are carried down into the ground to the tubers. Here these mycelium or roots affect the tubers the same as with the leaves. The potatoes which mature in the hot weather will have less rot, as the spores are killed by the heat at eighty degrees. The later potatoes are the most liable. When the spores fall upon a dry surface they will die, but when they fall upon a moist soil they live, and in a wet time these living spores may be conveyed directly to the tubers, and to the cellar. At forty degrees, little or no activity is manifest: so the tubers should be stored in as cool and dry a place as possible. Heavy soils favor the rot; sandy soils will dry out sooner, and the spores will die. On wet land they are kept alive and active. It is best to plant the potatoes always upon dry land and avoid the wet spots. Potatoes should never be gathered in wet weather, as the spores will be carried into the cellar."

*From the New York Weekly Witness.*



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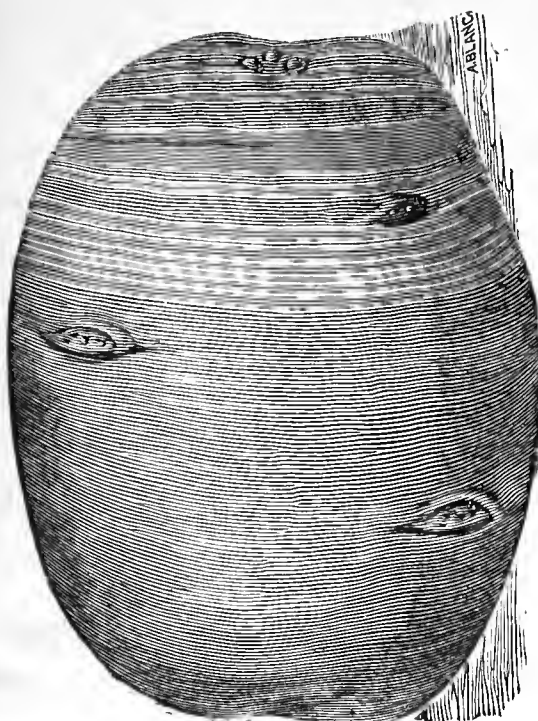
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CHAS. DOWNING.

Type of Potato No. 3.

ment of seeds is of the first importance, for "as ye sow so shall ye reap," and as "like produces like" so the use of the best seed will produce the best results, both as to yield and quality of crop. Improvement of seed may be accomplished by observing the following rules:

First. Select the best portion of ground than can be had of sufficient size to grow the seed for the succeeding season's crop.

Second. Prepare this portion by deep plowing and thorough harrowing until the soil is made perfectly fine.

Third. Take the best seed of the best variety, tubers of large and medium size, smooth and possessing the best form. The variety is of great importance, as there are varieties that will yield four times as much as others. Cut the seed into large pieces and plant not less than three and one-half feet between rows and twenty-six inches in the hills, and about three to five inches deep; cover in the most convenient manner. If the "Aspinwall" Potato Planter is used it does its own covering while planting, leaving the rows nicely ridged up, the sod lying loosely over the row, admitting the warmth of the sun and preventing rains from settling on the planted pieces of potato. Harrow all down perfectly, leveling and fining the soil three or four days after planting, and just before the sprouts come through the ground harrow again so as to prevent weeds from starting and making the sod open to the action of the air.

Fourth. As soon as the sprouts are four or five inches above ground, thin out to one stalk in a hill, being very careful to leave the largest and best stalk, and avoid disturbing it as much as possible.

This thinning out to one stalk in a hill is the most vital matter in the improvement and perfection of seed unless we may except the character of the seed used.

How can it be expected to grow good seed in hills with several stalks? Having but one stalk in a place gives to that stalk the best chance to make a perfect growth, and an additional advantage and a very great one too, will be found in planting the potatoes with two rows of corn and one row of potatoes, alternately, the corn affording a shade to the potato vines to prevent the fatal tendency to blight by the extreme heat of the sun falling on the vines, and a further benefit in this regard is planting as early as possible after the frost goes

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## The Potato Crop.—Seed Development.

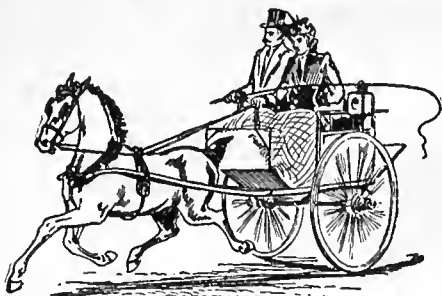
The rapidly increasing importance of the potato crop demands strenuous efforts on the part of farmers and gardeners to make essential improvements on the seed for this valuable and indispensable farm crop.

The report of the Agricultural Department of the Government shows an increase in the production of the potato in the past ten years of more than one-fourth, showing clearly that as fast as the production increases the demand for consumption multiplies in like ratio, thus emphasizing the well-established principle that increased production creates increased consumption.

This fact is most encouraging to farmers and gardeners, and should stimulate to greater effort to establish improvements both as to yield and quality of crop, the improvement of seed and the adoption of better methods, and the employment and use of the best (the most improved) implements and machinery for planting, cultivating and harvesting of this valuable crop.

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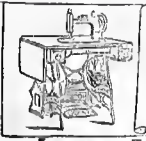

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**MONROE Co. PRIZE.**—Illustrated on page 5. This variety has shown itself so worthy under my own eyes for four years and is so universally praised on every hand that I place it at the head for a general crop variety. I call it the heaviest yielder of any variety I have been able to bring into a fair comparison with it. It seems to grow anywhere, as to character of soil, is very vigorous and rank, and makes an immense growth of tops, and a corresponding growth of tubers if the land contains the fertility to carry out the crop. The quality is excellent, hardly equaled by that of any other variety if dug as soon as ripe. They are of large size. Skin white and inclined to be netted, flesh very white. Their quick, vigorous growth, enables them to get a deep hold on the soil that carries them right along in a dry time where many other shallow rooted varieties wither up and fail entirely. I obtained my original stock direct from the introducers and have it pure. Only early orders will be sure of a supply.

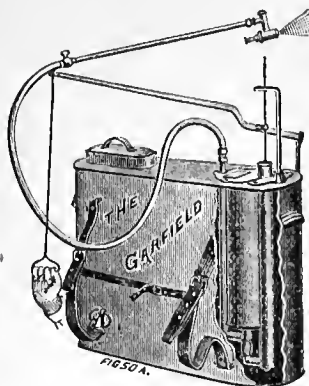
**CHAS. DOWNING.**—This variety, illustrated on page 7, is about as handsome in form as most people care to see. The eyes are very few in number and are perfectly level with the surface. The quality is equal that of the old Snowflake, which means that it is perfection itself. It is quite early but rather doubtful as a yielder. In some places it seems to yield very heavily and in others quite the reverse. It sets a large number of tubers.

**QUINNIAC.**—Illustrated on this page.—A new late variety, of which I have but a small stock and so will not say much about it. I took hold of it because I believe it is the best of its class. Quite ideal in form, very smooth, excellent in quality. Resembles the White Star, but better.

**EARLY PURITAN.**—Illustrated on page 11. This is a splendid very early white potato. A seedling of Beauty of Hebron. It is doing well with me and I hear only favorable reports from all quarters. It will pay you well to try this sort if searching for the best; it may just fill your hill. Vines small, so can be planted close together.

**RURAL NEW YORKER No. 2.**—This variety is well illustrated on the first page of cover. Color white, ideal in shape, very smooth surface, quality good. To my surprise it was relished by the beetles last season the least of any variety in my field. This is medium in season, has a very sparse top. Stalks and blossoms purplish. It is a very distinct variety and one over which there has been much ado made. It is reported a yield of over 1000 bushels per acre on the experimental grounds of the originator. Adapted to close planting on account of its vines. It certainly should be tried by every potato grower in the country.





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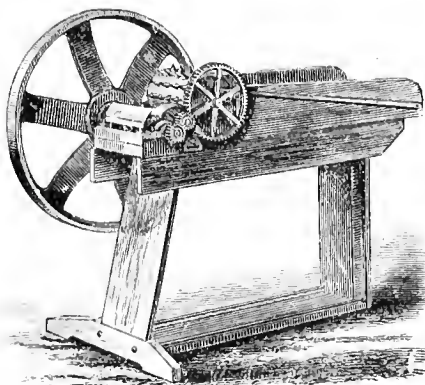
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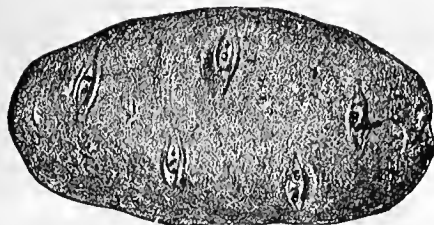
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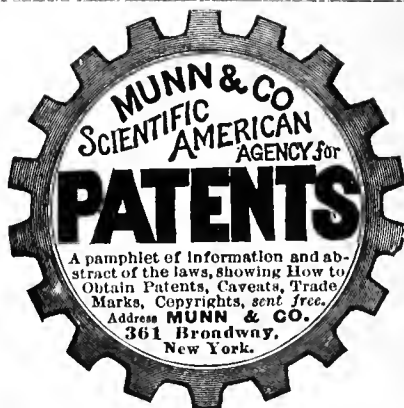
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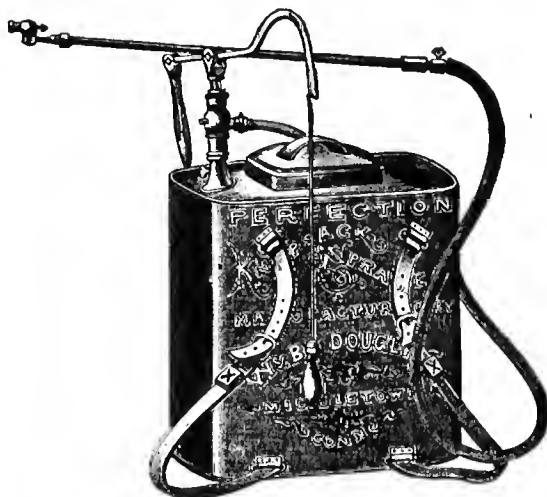
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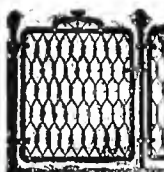
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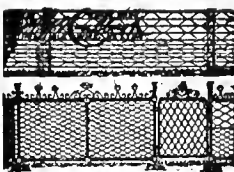
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IT is a pleasure to continue the Book Department of my Manual. I believe it is both an interesting and profitable directory for my readers. If we are in the flush of business success, a few well selected books will help us to maintain our prosperity and suggest new and pleasant avenues of thought and effort. If the times are hard with us, we certainly cannot give up one or two necessary books which will help us to better our condition. To the making of many books there is no end. We cannot buy, or give the time to read, every publication that comes along; therefore a careful selection of those that supply our want is necessary. As I am familiar with a very large number of works specially relating to agriculture, in the great diversity of subjects relating thereto, it will be a pleasure to help any inquirers to find the help they are looking for. The following list is a description of the volumes sent me the past year for examination, and as they come from reliable sources, it is a privilege to acknowledge them here. Some of them indeed are really standard works and the leading things of the kind. Where the style of binding is not mentioned, it may be inferred that the ordinary stiff cloth binding is meant.

**PRACTICAL FARM CHEMISTRY**,—a hand-book of profitable crop feeding. From the author, T. Greiner, La Salle, N. Y. Size, 5 x 8 in., 168 pages, price \$1.00. The subject is divided into three parts. I. The raw materials of plant food. II. The available sources of supply. III. Principles of economic application, or manuring for money. It is seldom a book comes to my hands that claims my attention as this book did. When it came I looked hurriedly through it, and as I felt somewhat familiar with its subject matter, I looked along till I got to the third division, and there began to read, and it was so interesting, so sound, so simple, that when I had completed I turned back to the second division and read that through, and then to the first and through that. I believe this is the most valuable book to Eastern farmers of anything I have ever come across on this subject, or for that matter on any subject, for everything depends upon fertility in working the exhausted lands of the East. Those who have difficulty in reading understandingly the Experiment Station Reports would find the study of this work just what they want to unlock a vast amount of information to them. I heartily endorse the book, both from study and practical experience, from beginning to end and feel that I can do my readers no greater favor than to urge their procuring a copy at once. It is pleasingly simple, clear, and yet not for children. The chapter on Clover the Source of Carbon as well as nitrogen, suggests a very valuable argument to the uses of chemical manures. The position taken is ahead of that in the book "Chemicals and Clover" noticed elsewhere, highly as I can commend that little pamphlet.

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**LANDSCAPE GARDENING**,—by Elias A. Long, editor of American Gardening. From the publishers, The Rural Publishing Co., New York City. Size, 7 x 10 inches, 32 pages, price 50 cents. Very heavy paper cover. Fully illustrated. Printed on highly finished heavy paper. Consists of a collection of plans, illustrating the improvement of home grounds, town lots, etc. Mr. Long is an expert in this line.

**PRACTICAL HOUSEKEEPING**,—from the publishers, The Buckeye Publishing Co., Minneapolis, Minn. Size, 6 x 8½ in., 688 pages, illustrated. While this is a cook book, it contains a vast amount of valuable information about house keeping and household economy, beside. That this is the most popular Receipt Book before the public is shown by the fact that it has had a sale of over 700,000 copies. As it comes from the office of the Housekeeper, it can be relied upon.

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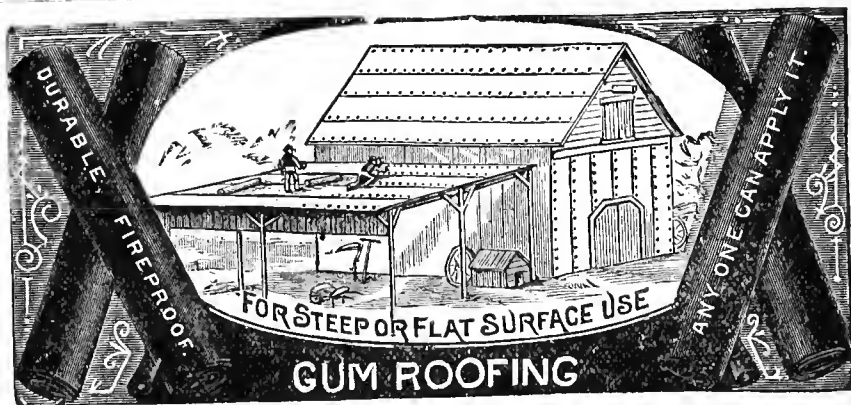
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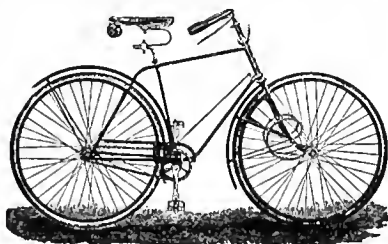
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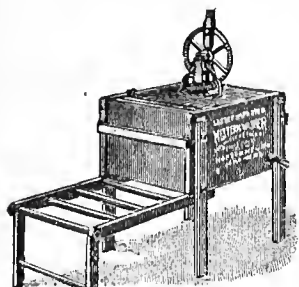
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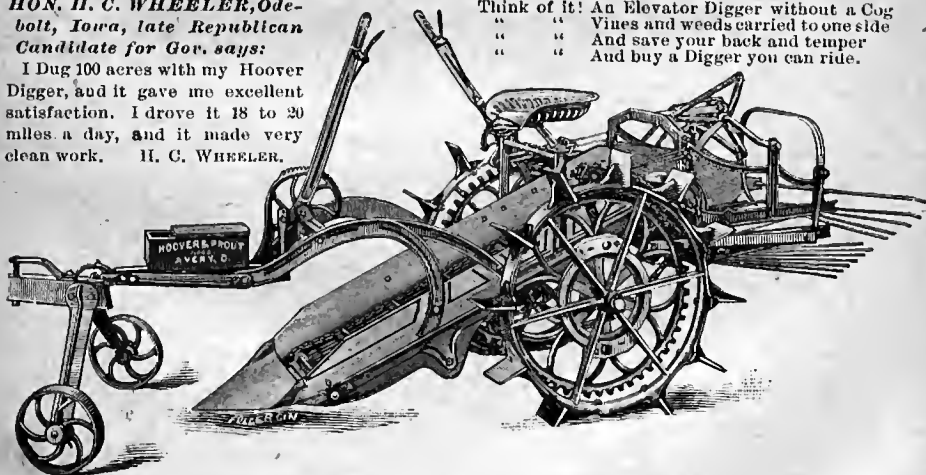
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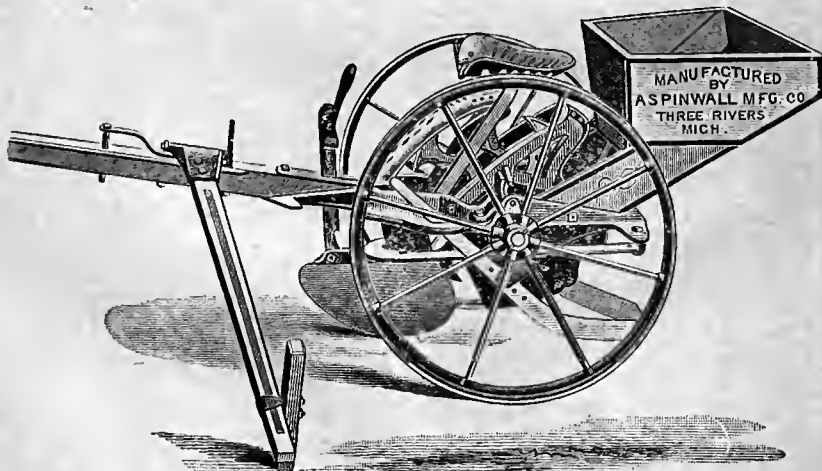
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